PRESENT—*cont.*

Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Stanes, Mr. F. J.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Uzielli, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. H. R.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Bodinayakkanur, The.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi, The.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Age-limit of students studying in schools and colleges.

* 586 *Q.*— Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any orders passed either by the Government or by the Director of Public Instruction prescribing the maximum age for a pupil studying in each class of an elementary or secondary school or in a college;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the order or orders will be placed on the table;

(*c*) whether such an order was widely published so as to attract the special attention of the parents and if so, in what way;

(*d*) whether this question of age is strictly followed in schools maintained by the district boards and municipalities;

(*e*) if not, what steps have been or are taken to enforce the said order in such schools; and

(*f*) how many students of colleges, secondary schools and elementary schools (each separately) have been expelled in the middle of their course in each year after this order was passed (districtwar figures may be furnished)?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*f*) No such orders as are referred to in clause (*a*) have been issued either by the Director of Public Instruction or the Government.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has passed certain proceedings stating that boys after a certain age should not be admitted into elementary schools? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" There are no such proceedings. About the year 1926 the Director advised the managers of institutions not to admit grown-up pupils in their

schools; for example, a young man of 25 will not be admitted into the fourth form. But this would not affect boys who are already there."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—"Is the Hon. Minister aware that a boy of 18 was not admitted?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"If that was done, the headmaster of the institution should have done it on his own responsibility and not on this circular."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know whether this advice is considered as an order to the teachers and managers?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"No, Sir. They have been definitely told that they are not bound to follow the advice."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"Is there an order to the teachers and managers that there is no objection to admit pupils without consideration of age?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"What I am referring to is the circular issued in 1926; I am afraid very few headmasters remember it."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Is it not advisable on the part of the Government to advise the Director of Public Instruction to fix a certain maximum age instead of saying ambiguously that grown-up boys should not be admitted?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"That has nothing to do with the proceedings of 1926. The question of fixing an age-limit may probably be relevant with regard to the proposal under consideration for educational reconstruction in the whole Presidency."

Shifting of the Government Training School, Salem, to Mettur.

* 587 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been passed for shifting the Government Training School at Salem to Mettur;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the order will be placed on the table;

(*c*) whether the school has actually been shifted to Mettur and if so, when;

(*d*) what the cost incurred is in making the accommodation suitable at Mettur;

(*e*) what the normal annual cost of the said training school was during the past year, and what the annual saving or extra expenditure expected by its transfer to Mettur is;